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GOM Accepting Comments for Proposed Rule Regarding MRLs for Animal Products

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Report Highlights:

On May 12, 2011, The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) a [proposed rule](#) regarding maximum residue levels (MRLs) for veterinary medicines and various chemicals in animal products. This proposed rule would modify NOM-004, abolishes 11 other NOMs, and updates testing methodologies, techniques and levels for MRLs. The comment period ends July 8, 2011, and a final rule will be published after final comments are reviewed.

General Information:

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a cursory review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: Proposed Rule for Mexican Official Standard NOM-004-ZOO-1994, maximum residue levels for veterinary medicines and various chemicals in animal products from chicken, beef cattle, swine, goats, deer, horses and sheep.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: May 11, 2011
2. Comment Due Date: July 8, 2011

On May 12, 2011, The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food published a proposed rule for comments regarding NOM-004-ZOO-1994. NOM-004 establishes the maximum residue levels (MRLs) for veterinary medicines and various chemicals in animal products from chicken, beef cattle, swine, goats, deer, horses and sheep.

The proposed rule updates NOM-004 which was first published in 1994 and revised in 1996 and 2001, and incorporates 11 other NOMs dealing with MRLs. The 11 other NOMs are: NOM-010-ZOO-1994, NOM-011-ZOO-1994, NOM-014-ZOO-1994, NOM-015-ZOO-1994, NOM-016-ZOO-1994, NOM-017-ZOO-1994, NOM-020-ZOO-1995, NOM-021-ZOO-1995, NOM-028-ZOO-1995, NOM-032-1996, and NOM-034-1996. Finally the new NOM will update testing methodologies and techniques for determining MRLs. Once the final rule is published, the 11 other NOMs will be abolished.

A copy of the Spanish version can be obtained from the following web-site: [NOM-004 proposed](#)

All interested parties have 60 days (July 8, 2011) to submit comments. Comments will need to be in Spanish and should be submitted to:

Comité Consultivo Nacional de Normalización de Protección Zoosanitaria
Sito en Avenida Cuauhtémoc número 1230, piso 9
Colonia Santa Cruz Atoyac, Delegación Benito Juárez
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